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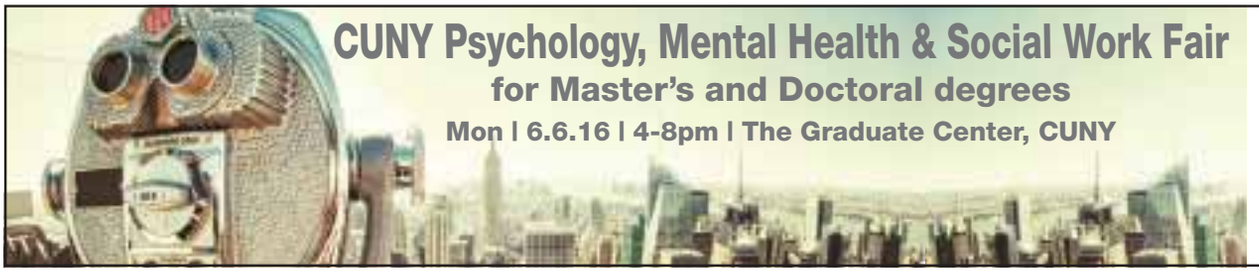

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NC SUES JUSTICE DEPT. OVER TRANSGENDER 'BATHROOM LAW'

In North Carolina officials sued the U.S. Justice Department on Monday for challenging the state's law on public restroom access, in the newest chapter of the fight over the rights of transgender Americans. North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory, a Republican, and the state's secretary of public safety accused the agency of "baseless and blatant overreach." In March, North Carolina became the first state in the country to require transgender people to use restrooms in public buildings and schools that match the sex on their birth certificate instead of one that matches their gender identity. **REUTERS**

ESCAPED CONVICT CAUGHT ON DAY 7 OF NEW JERSEY MANHUNT

2 After a weeklong manhunt, an escapee from a prison unit of a New Jersey psychiatric hospital was taken into custody on Monday in the state's desolate Pine Barrens wilderness. Arthur Buckel, 38, was under arrest in a forested area west of the Garden State Parkway near Lacey Township on the edge of the Pine Barrens, said New Jersey State Police and the Ocean County Sheriff's Office. "They got him in the woods," said a spokesman for the Ocean County Sheriff's Office, which tweeted a photograph of Buckel with his wrists handcuffed behind him surrounded by uniformed law enforcement officers. Buckel was two weeks away from parole when he disappeared on Tuesday from a minimum security unit at Ancora Psychiatric Hospital in Hammonton, about 50 miles southwest of Lacey Township.

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FCC, FTC LAUNCH INQUIRY INTO MOBILE DEVICE SECURITY

3 The U.S. Federal Communications Commission and Federal Trade Commission on Monday jointly sent letters to mobile carriers including AT&T Inc, Sprint Corp, Verizon Communications Inc and others asking questions about how they release security updates in the wake of growing questions about security vulnerabilities, the agencies said. The FTC also said Monday it ordered eight mobile device manufacturers to provide information about how they issue security updates to address vulnerabilities in smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices.

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Sarah Deutsch paints a syringe drop-off box. **CORNER PROJECT**

Flower-shaped boxes for syringes bloom in Washington Heights

A harm reduction agency is building publicly accessible boxes to reduce the number of syringes left in parks.

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Through the beauty and simplicity of a flower, one New York City organization is hoping to help keep their local parks cleaner and safer from dirty syringe needles.

The Washington Heights CORNER Project (WHCP) — a harm-reduction agency that aims to improve the quality of life and health of drug users — is set to launch the city's first public-access syringe drop-off box on Tuesday.

Standing 6 feet tall and shaped like a daisy, the drop-off box — which will be located at 177th Street and Haven Avenue — will allow individuals to pass by at any time and drop off used syringes, instead of disposing them in the parks.

"[We want to] keep the parks safer and generally more pleasing and more approachable for the general community," said Sarah Deutsch, WHCP associate director of outreach and prevention services.

Since 2007, WHCP has been sending outreach workers to pick up used syringes across Washington Heights. During that time, the group has learned where drug users most often dispose their syringes.

The group has collected a total of 93,000 syringes in Washington Heights since 2009 and the location of the drop-off box is one of the highest-density areas for syringes.

93K
SYRINGES COLLECTED BY THE GROUP IN WASHINGTON HEIGHTS SINCE 2009

WHCP tracked the collection of syringes through GPS for three months and afterward took the information to the city's Parks Department, which then helped design something that would be more user- and community-friendly — a drop-off box in the shape of a flower.

The design — which was influenced by a similar box in Canada and locally received large support from community members — features small drop holes and is tamperproof and secure.

Deutsch added that although WHCP welcomes individuals to drop off syringes at its drop-in center, the park drop-off box will give people access 24/7 while also provide a sense of anonymity.

"We want to provide opportunities to not have needles disregarded carelessly," said Mark Townsend, WHCP interim executive director. "This is the beginning of trying to do this in parks across the city."

Overall, the goal is to monitor the drop-off box for the next six months — with CORNER project maintaining it — and measure how many syringes are disposed and note if a change has occurred in the parks.

The group will then continue to work closely with the Parks Department and also the Department of Health with hopes of replicating the plan in parks across the city.

"We really hope for it to be something that is really replicable and really low threshold in terms of maintenance so any community can take it on," Deutsch said.

Along with helping keep the parks clean and safe, the drop-off box will also include information for individuals who might want to seek help from WHCP or want to get some information.

Since it began, WHCP — whose acronym CORNER stands for Community Outreach and Resources, Needle Exchange and Harm Reduction — has been offering access to clean syringes through street-based outreach. It also offers resources, advocacy as well as educational, health and referral services aimed at reducing risks associated with drug use.

WHCP will celebrate the launch of the drop-off box at 4 p.m. on Tuesday together with local leaders, community members and elected officials.

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NY nail salons ordered to repay $2M to more than 600 workers

Since its creation, the state's Nail Salon Industry Enforcement Task Force has opened investigations into over 450 businesses.

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A nail salon in the Greenwich Village GETTY IMAGES

Nail salon workers in New York, who were being ripped off and denied decent wages, are finally getting justice.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced Monday that through the state's Nail Salon Industry Enforcement Task Force, a total of 143 salons have been ordered to pay $2 million in unpaid wages and damages to 652 employees.

The task force — led by the state's Department of Labor — was created last year in response to a widespread report of abuse of nail salon workers across the state.

Since its creation, the group has opened investigations into over 450 businesses, with a total of 383 completed so far.

"New York state is cracking down like never before on the unscrupulous individuals that take advantage of the hardworking people they employ," Cuomo said. "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work is a principle that this state was built upon and this administration is committed to stopping employers who exploit workers and deny them what they are rightfully owed.

> *"A business that must close because it cannot operate without underpaying workers or subjecting them to inhumane working conditions is not a loss to our community."*
>
> Miller

After the task force was formed, the state also enacted nail salon industry reforms, which included workers' bill of rights and requirements on protective equipment.

Under the Nail Salon Workers' Bill of Rights — which businesses are required to post in a spot visible to employees and the public — workers have the right to a legal wage and safe working environment.

"I am not afraid to fight for fair pay for myself and my co-workers. But knowing that the government is on our side, that they care, and that we can do something in an unjust situation, that is very special to all of us," said Minerva Lopez, a nail salon worker.

The state has also started to run license exams in languages, such as Nepali, Tibetan and Vietnamese — together with English, Spanish, Korean, Japanese, Russian and Chinese.

"The workers we have spoken to have seen positive changes at their nail salons, such as being paid an hourly rate, receiving breaks, and being paid extra for overtime hours. Not one of their nail salons has been forced to close, nor expects to, because of the new laws," said Kara Miller, an attorney at Virginia & Ambinder, LLP. "A business that must close because it cannot operate without underpaying workers or subjecting them to inhumane working conditions is not a loss to our community."

Additional reforms

Additional reforms included training and job resources for workers, allowing unlicensed nail practitioners to register with the state as trainees so they can continue working while studying for their licensing exam.

Nail salon owners are also required to provide workers with sufficient amounts of appropriate protective equipment, such as masks and gloves. Previously many owners were charging manicurists for supplies.

Policies concerning new ventilation standards for salons have also been posted for public comment.

Major NYC landlord accused of forcing out tenants to convert units

A major New York City landlord was accused on Monday of using harassment, intimidation and fraud to force rent-regulated tenants out of his buildings in order to convert their apartments to more profitable market-rate units.

Steven Croman, whose company owns more than 140 apartment buildings in Manhattan, has been indicted on 20 felony counts, including grand larceny, fraud and falsifying documents, according to the office of New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman.

The 49-year-old Croman, who also faces a civil lawsuit from Schneiderman's office, pleaded not guilty at state Supreme Court in Manhattan on Monday.

Rent-regulated apartments, which limit the amount landlords can charge residents who meet income requirements and have lived there for enough time, are a kind of Holy Grail in the high-priced real estate market of New York City.

But the number of rent-regulated apartments has steadily declined, prompting Mayor Bill de Blasio to promote affordable housing as a major priority. He has released plans to construct or preserve 200,000 such units.

The criminal charges stem from false mortgage documents Croman submitted that listed rent-regulated units as market-rate apartments and inflated his commercial rental rates to obtain better refinancing, securing more than $45 million in loans over a three-year period, according to Schneiderman's office.

140
BUILDINGS OWNED BY CROMAN'S COMPANY

Barry Swartz, Croman's mortgage broker, was also charged with 15 counts. He also pleaded not guilty at state Supreme Court in Manhattan on Monday.

The civil lawsuit detailed a variety of illegal tactics Croman allegedly used to force out tenants occupying rent-regulated units.

Croman filed baseless lawsuits against some to pressure them to move, the lawsuit said. In some cases, Croman's employees refused to acknowledge receipt of rent checks and then sued them for unpaid rent, the complaint alleges.

The lawsuit accuses Croman of hiring a former police officer to intimidate rent-regulated tenants.

In addition, Croman routinely engaged in illegal and shoddy construction in his rush to convert rent-regulated apartments into market-rate units, creating dangerous conditions, the lawsuit said.

On more than 20 occasions, health department investigators measured illegally high levels of lead dust in Croman's buildings, according to the lawsuit.

Croman also ignored hundreds of "hazardous" violations he was issued at many of his buildings, the lawsuit said.

Lawyers for Croman did not immediately respond to requests for comment. A lawyer for Swartz declined to comment. REUTERS

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Get ready for Manhattanhenge

Want to be wowed by the sun setting along the city's grid? Here are the best dates, times and places.

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Photographers and photo enthusiasts get ready.

Each year in May and again in July, New York City residents have the opportunity to experience Manhattanhenge — the phenomenal moment when the sun aligns perfectly with the city's grid and gives us the chance to catch a glimpse of the sunset from east to west streets in Manhattan.

If you love sunsets and appreciate Manhattan's urban terrain, then you should make sure you have your camera (or smartphone) charged-up and ready to go at the end of this month and also in July.

People watch and photograph the sunset on 23th Street during "Manhattanhenge." GETTY IMAGES

If you go

Public program
7 p.m. July 12
Hayden Planetarium
The program will include a presentation by astrophysicist Jackie Faherty discussing the history and astronomy behind Manhattanhenge.

Half sunset

According to the American Museum of Natural History, Manhattanhenge will take place on the following days and times to see the half sunset on Manhattan's grid:

- May 29, 8:12 p.m.
- July 12, 8:20 p.m.

Full sunset

Here are the dates and time to see the full sunset along Manhattan's grid:

- May 30 8:12 p.m.
- July 11 8:20 p.m.

Places to watch

You will be able to view Manhattanhenge from various points in the city but the best spots to see it are: 14th Street, 23rd Street, 34th Street, 42nd Street, and 57th Street looking west.

Harmless gas released in New York City subway for security test

Authorities on Monday sent a harmless gas wafting through the New York subway to study how to deal with a toxic accident or attack in a test that both unsettled and reassured riders on the underground system.

A mix of odorless, inert gases and tracer materials were released in three of the busiest subway stations in the city: Grand Central Terminal, Times Square and Penn Station, U.S. Department of Homeland Security officials said.

Men and women in orange vests let off the gas inside areas cordoned off with yellow "caution" tape as commuters walked by and police stood guard.

With equipment set up at another 55 subway stations around Manhattan, researchers will take air samples every four hours to see how the gas spreads. They will repeat the process throughout the work week, the department said in a statement.

> *"It's something that we know is a possibility but we don't want to think about it because we don't want it to become a reality. But it's really frightening."*
> Doris Altman, commuter

The test is part of a five-year program that began in 2012 to develop methods to protect urban transit systems in the event of an attack or accidental contamination. Previous tests were conducted in New York, Washington, D.C. and Boston.

"These tests are designed to gather data about how airborne material will travel through subway systems and the trains and how quickly they will move," said John Verrico, a spokesman for the department's Science and Technology Directorate, which sponsored the test along with the Office of Health Affairs.

New York subway riders had mixed feelings about the test, which may have stirred painful memories of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that destroyed the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan.

Amy Aziz, an artist from New Jersey, first learned of the study from her boyfriend.

"I've heard that they've done it in the past and it sounds like it should be very beneficial," she said.

Other riders said the test made them uneasy because it reminded them of the vulnerability of the country's largest subway system, with its complex stations and countless ventilation paths.

"It's something that we know is a possibility but we don't want to think about it because we don't want it to become a reality," said Doris Altman, a New York City subway commuter. "But it's really frightening."

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BRONX ASSAULT

The suspects PROVIDED

Female trio wanted for violent assault in the Bronx: NYPD

Police are looking for three women they say attacked a victim in the Bronx last month after the group got into an argument.

On April 13 at about 10:35 a.m., the suspects — described to be black women between 20 and 30 years old — got into a verbal dispute with the 42-year-old victim in front of 209 East 165th Street, according to authorities.

The trio then began to punch and kick the victim, cops said, and one of the suspects hit the woman on the head with an unknown object.

The victim was taken to Lincoln Medical Center where she was treated for a cut to her head.

The NYPD describes the suspects to be between 5 foot 5 and 5 foot 6, and 150 to 175 pounds.

Anyone with information in regards to this incident is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA (74782).

The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website or by texting their tips to 274637 (CRIMES) then entering TIP577.

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Canadian oil town offers tale of two cities after wildfire sweeps through

A burned-out car is seen in a burned garage in the Beacon Hill neighborhood in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Monday GETTY IMAGES

The uncontrollable wildfire forced the evacuation of the entire city six days ago. Some 88,000 residents fled on the one highway that leads into the remote community in northern Alberta.

The wildfire that swept through the Canadian city of Fort McMurray blazed a capricious trail. Swathes of homes were burned to the ground while nearby areas were unscathed and dotted with blooming lilacs, a tour showed on Monday.

In Beacon Hill, one of the worst-hit neighborhoods of a city that booms and busts with the price of oil, houses on street after street were reduced to nothing more than blackened foundations and front steps. Metal barbecues stood outside some.

Cars and trucks sat in some driveways on melted tires, streams of once-molten metal snaked from underneath.

"This was a beast. It was an animal. It was a fire like I've never seen in my life," Fort McMurray Fire Chief Darby Allen told reporters, who were allowed to tour the oil-sands city by bus on Monday afternoon.

While Allen told reporters he believes 85 percent of the city's homes and businesses were still intact, much of the tour focused on the worst-hit neighborhoods where hundreds of homes were destroyed.

In the devastated neighborhood of Abasand, one side of a street was intact, barely touched by fire, while town homes on the other side of the street were burned to the ground.

Three bikes — an adult bike and two for children — leaned against a fence, burned to just their metal frames and wheel rims.

Blackened ground and trees contrasted starkly with patches of green grass and flowers elsewhere. Sometimes they were just inches apart.

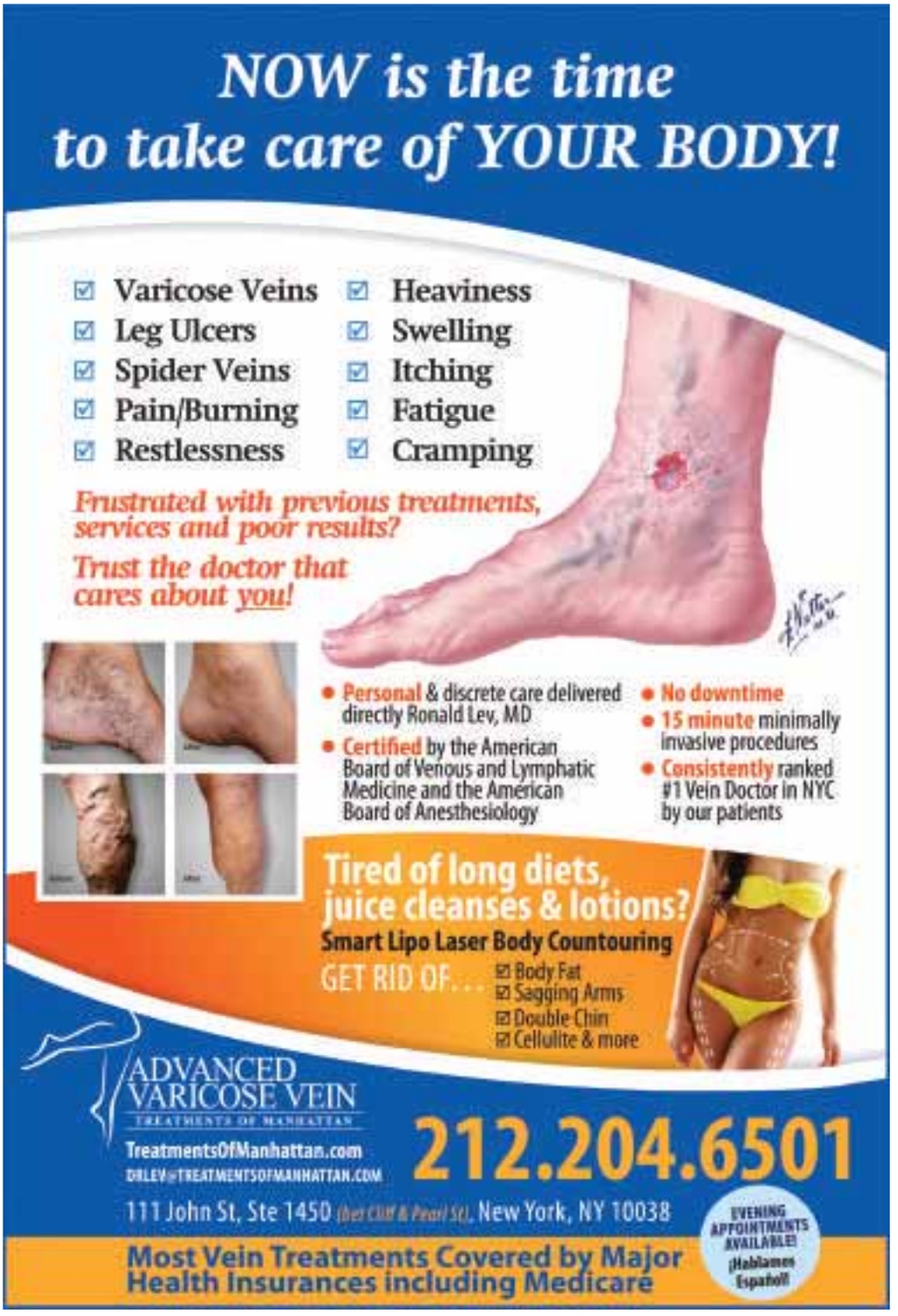
But some structures survived. Two schools were largely untouched, their brightly colored slides and swings eerily deserted as residents remained barred from reentering the city. The Canadian flag still flew over the school complex, unmarked by the flames.

Much of the downtown and key infrastructure such as a hospital and bridges were also spared, as firefighters gave up on some neighborhoods to focus on saving others.

Allen said firefighters at one point had to work to save their own firehall. Nearby, a trailer park was largely destroyed.

"I do truly believe we couldn't do any more," he said. REUTERS

Skeletons of possesions are all that remain in parts of a residential neighborhood destroyed by a wildfire in Fort McMurray, Alberta. GETTY IMAGES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Uber drivers, if employees, owed $730 million more: Court documents

An Uber driver in New York City opens a door for his passengers. BILLY BECERRA, METRO

Drivers who worked for ride-hailing service Uber in California and Massachusetts over the past seven years would have been entitled to an estimated $730 million in expense reimbursements had they been employees rather than contractors, according to court documents made public on Monday.

The figure was calculated by attorneys for drivers in a class action against the company, based on a standard rate for mileage reimbursement set by the U.S. government, and on data provided by Uber. Uber disputes the idea that drivers would ever be entitled to that reimbursement rate.

Uber and smaller rival Lyft are attempting to settle legal actions by drivers who contend they should be classified as employees and therefore entitled to reimbursement for expenses, including gasoline and vehicle maintenance. Drivers currently pay those costs themselves.

The proposed settlement would pay drivers up to $100 million.

$100M

THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT WOULD PAY DRIVERS UP TO $100 MILLION.

According to attorneys for the drivers, the total value of driver claims in the Uber case is $852 million, which includes a tips claim. Uber calculates the total value of plaintiff claims at $429 million.

Uber attempted to keep those figures secret, but a San Francisco federal judge ordered them unsealed last week.

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BRIEF

Ex-FBI agent admits lying during 'Whitey' Bulger trials

A former FBI agent admitted on Monday that he lied on the witness stand during the 2013 trial of former Boston mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger, officials said.

Robert Fitzpatrick pleaded guilty to 12 criminal counts of perjury and obstruction of justice for a wide variety of false statements during the high-profile mob trial.

The first witness called by Bulger's attorneys, Fitzpatrick had told the jury he concluded that the FBI should not be working with Bulger as an informant because when he looked into his eyes he "couldn't see his soul." REUTERS

RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

Trump picks Christie to head transition team

Christie endorsed Trump after dropping out of the 2016 Republican primary race in February and has been campaigning with the New York billionaire.

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump said on Monday he has chosen New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a rival turned ally, to lead his White House transition team as he prepares for the general election campaign.

"Governor Christie is an extremely knowledgeable and loyal person with the tools and resources to put together an unparalleled Transition Team, one that will be prepared to take over the White House when we win in November," Trump said in a statement.

Trump, the presumptive Republican nominee in the Nov. 8 presidential election, said Christie will oversee an "extensive team."

Trump's campaign said the candidate was moving into a general election mode and "implementing an infrastructure capable of securing a victory including making key hires, building a finance operation to benefit the Republican Party and unifying the party by working with several Republican leaders now voicing their support for Mr. Trump and his candidacy." REUTERS

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BRIEFS

Report: Speaker Ryan says he would step down as GOP convention chair if Trump asks
Paul Ryan said he would step down as chairman of the Republican Party's July convention if presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump asked him to do so, a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reporter said on Twitter.

".@SpeakerRyan on whether he'd step down as convention chair if Trump asks: I'll do whatever he asks me to do," Christian Schneider, one of the newspaper's columnists, tweeted. REUTERS

Trump retreats on comments on raising taxes on the wealthy
Donald Trump backtracked on his remarks about raising taxes on wealthy Americans, saying the rich might get a smaller tax cut than he originally proposed.

Trump walked away from his comment that taxes on the wealthy would "go up" once his broad tax policy proposals, which include tax cuts for rich Americans, were negotiated with Congress. That appeared to be a break with traditional Republican support for lower taxes in all income brackets. REUTERS

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Ferguson swears in black police chief

Racial makeup of city police department has been a source of controversy because most officers are white, while two-thirds of residents are African-American.

Ferguson police GETTY IMAGES

Ferguson, Missouri, the site of violent protests after a white officer shot and killed an unarmed black teenager in 2014, on Monday swore in an African-American police chief who said his focus is on making the community safer, not more profitable.

"Government is not designed to make a profit," said Delrish Moss, a 51-year-old veteran of the Miami Police Department, referring to past Justice Department complaints of aggressive ticketing of African-Americans by the police to boost city funds through fines. "Ferguson knows now that that is not the way to do things."

His swearing in comes less than three weeks after a federal judge approved an agreement to reform Ferguson's police department and municipal law code. The reforms are intended to fix what the Justice Department has called widespread racial bias in the city's police department.

Moss, ahead of his installation, said his experience in Miami has been a training ground for Ferguson, and his goal is to make the community safer.

The Justice Department initiated a civil-rights investigation into Ferguson's policing after Michael Brown, 18, was shot and killed by a white officer in 2014.

Moss, who in his 32 years in Miami worked patrol, undercover assignments and homicide investigations, previously said Ferguson's police department needed a massive recruiting drive to become more reflective of the community. Moss most recently was supervisor of Miami Police Department's public information and community relations.

He is at least Ferguson's third police chief since Brown's death. Ferguson erupted into violent protests after a grand jury chose not to indict the white officer, Darren Wilson. REUTERS

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House to introduce Puerto Rico crisis bill on Wednesday: Rep. Bishop

The chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives' Natural Resources Committee said on Monday legislation to address Puerto Rico's growing debt and humanitarian crisis will be introduced for discussion on Wednesday, with a committee vote a week later.

Earlier attempts at introducing a bill out of the committee failed to gain enough attention or understanding among lawmakers, prompting its chairman, Rep. Rob Bishop, a Utah Republican, to delay the bill.

The basic premise of installing an independent oversight board to lead the restructuring of the U.S. commonwealth's credit and work with the local government to develop an economic reform plan remains in place.

"What we are seeing in Puerto Rico is if you push it off, the situation gets worse, the debt gets worse, the humanitarian crisis gets worse. If you don't want a bailout and you put it off long enough, you probably will be forced into a position of being in a bailout and I'm not going to vote for that," Bishop said.

Puerto Rico has already defaulted on some of its debt and faces an overall bill of $70 billion it cannot pay. A staggering 45 percent poverty rate and increased migration of citizens to the U.S. mainland drains economic activity.

Bishop said the changes to the bill were relatively small and that the U.S. Treasury has been "marvelous" to work with in developing the plan.

"Obviously the relationship between the Obama administration and this Congress has not been warm and fuzzy. So this is unusual in the amount of help they have given us," Bishop said, adding: "At the same time I want it finished. I want them to actually sign off and in some of the small areas, I think they have been dragging their feet."

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Report claiming Facebook 'trending topic' bias sparks social media outcry

An unnamed former Facebook employee told technology site Gizmodo workers "routinely suppressed news stories of interest to conservative readers" while "artificially" adding other stories to the trending list.

Facebook workers have often omitted conservative political stories from the website's "trending" list, the technology news site Gizmodo said Monday in a report that sparked widespread comment on social media.

Facebook users can manually remove certain topics from their trending lists. GETTY IMAGES

Facebook told Reuters on Monday that there are "rigorous guidelines in place" to maintain neutrality and said these guidelines do not prohibit any news outlet from appearing in trending topics.

Facebook did not respond directly to questions about whether employees had suppressed conservative-leaning news.

"These guidelines do not permit the suppression of political perspectives. Nor do they permit the prioritization of one viewpoint over another or one news outlet over another," a spokesperson for Facebook said.

The report alarmed some social media users, with several journalists and commentators criticizing Facebook for alleged bias.

"Aside from fueling right-wing persecution, this is a key reminder of dangers of Silicon Valley controlling content," tweeted journalist Glenn Greenwald (@ggreenwald).

"Well, you go to Hell, Facebook," tweeted Kyle Feldscher (@Kyle_Feldscher), a reporter at the Washington Examiner, a conservative-leaning publication.

"For anyone who cares about press freedom, this is frightening stuff," tweeted Bill Grueskin (@BGrueskin), an editor at Bloomberg, with a link to Gizmodo's story.

The Conservative Political Action Conference, one of the groups reportedly blocked from Facebook's trending list, said it would closely monitor how the claims against Facebook unfold. REUTERS

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California school recalls yearbook that calls Muslim girl 'Isis'

A California high school has asked students to return nearly 300 yearbooks that wrongly identified a Muslim teenager wearing a traditional headscarf as "Isis," officials said.

The yearbook photo of Bayan Zehlif, a student at Los Osos High in Rancho Cucamonga who is seen smiling above a caption with the name "Isis Phillips," came to light after she posted a picture of it on social media on Friday.

The Los Angeles Times reported that District Superintendent Matthew Holton said Zehlif was incorrectly identified as another student whose name really is Isis. Reuters could not reach Holton for comment.

Nearly 300 yearbooks were distributed to students before the erroneous photo caption was discovered, said representatives for the Chaffey Joint Union High School District, which oversees the school about 45 miles east of Los Angeles.

The yearbook photo of Bayan Zehlif
FACEBOOK/BAYAN ZEHLIF

School officials asked students who received those yearbooks to return them so they could be corrected with a sticker affixing the student's correct name to the photo.

Officials at the school, which has more than 3,000 students, had withheld the majority of the yearbooks and those also are being fixed, representatives said.

The student has disputed contentions from school officials that the caption was a "misprint." Muslim advocacy group the Council on American-Islamic Relations has said the incident should be investigated for any possible bias.

ISIS, a name often used to refer to the militant group Islamic State that controls swathes of Iraq and Syria, has claimed responsibility for attacks in Paris and Brussels and a number of other countries.
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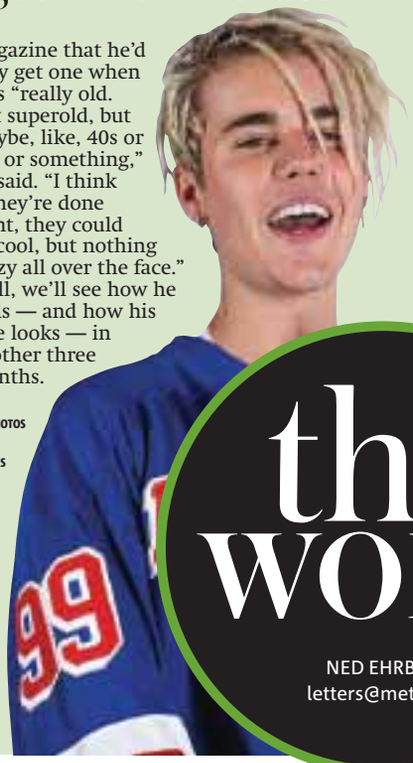

They grow up so fast. Justin Bieber has passed a milestone on his way to being the absolute worst: He got a face tattoo. But don't worry — it's tiny and rather silly looking. Yes, Bieber managed to do something utterly ridiculous but still in a failure-tastic way. That's our boy. "Justin came in last night and decided on a small cross near the corner of his eye," the tattoo artist, named a "Waltons"-esque Jonboy, tells Us Weekly. "It represents his journey in finding purpose with God." Really? Because it looks like he's the wimpiest inductee in a prison gang. This move marks a significant change in Bieber's stance on face tattoos from earlier this year — and yes, for those keeping track, it's only May — when he told GQ magazine that he'd only get one when he's "really old. Not superold, but maybe, like, 40s or 50s or something," he said. "I think if they're done right, they could be cool, but nothing crazy all over the face." Well, we'll see how he feels — and how his face looks — in another three months.

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Rob Kardashian gives Blac Chyna a Mother's Day salute

Let's just call this yet another example of how Rob Kardashian has no patience whatsoever. The lone male Kardashian sister gave his pregnant fiancee, Blac Chyna, a bouquet of white roses for Mother's Day, Chyna revealed on her Instagram. And the dad-to-be gave her a tribute on his own Instagram account as well, so you know it's love. "Happy mamas day to this beautiful Mama, I fell in Love with her immediately because of how great of a mom she is and now I'm looking forward to starting a Family with her," he wrote. "Thank You Chy for everything you do for me." Kardashian's whirlwind romance with Chyna has seen dating, engagement and pregnancy announcements coming weeks apart from each other, and now he can't even wait until she's had the baby to celebrate her being a mom, which seems like it's against the rules of Mother's Day? Can't you just wait until next year? How silly of me, look who I'm asking.

Brie Larson is engaged

Man, Brie Larson's year just keeps getting better and better. Yes, she won an Oscar for her role in "Room," and yes she just got some good reviews for her inaugural hosting stint on "Saturday Night Live." But this is probably much more important to her: Larson is now engaged to her longtime boyfriend, Alex Greenwald, her rep confirms to E! News. Larson fans would be familiar with Alex because he popped up in all of her acceptance speeches during her successful awards-season run. At the Oscars, she even offered him the totally adorable, "I love you the whole thing."

Johnny Depp makes light of the War on Terrier

Now that Amber Heard and Johnny Depp have been punished for their whole smuggling teacup Yorkies into Australia on a private jet thing — and released a painfully stilted apology video about it — the "Pirates of the Caribbean" star apparently thinks it's time to go ahead and make light of the whole ordeal. Because why not? It's all behind us, right? While in London to promote his new film, "Alice Through the Looking Glass," Depp couldn't help but make a quip about the whole mess, telling press in faux-seriousness that he "would really like to apologize for not smuggling my dogs into England because it would've been a bad thing to do" during a press conference. "I'm going to do this everywhere I go." Is it me, or is he not really taking this whole thing seriously?

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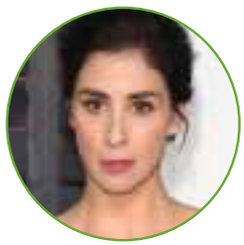

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Paul Bettany on the dark side of Marvel

The MCU's own Vision says "Captain America: Civil War" is about the real world — kind of.

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Paul Bettany returns to the role of Vision. MARVEL

Paul Bettany doesn't have a deep history with comic books. After all, he's English. Not that comics are an exclusively American enterprise, but he wasn't all that versed in the art form before he signed up to voice J.A.R.V.I.S., Tony Stark's semisentient computer system, in the first "Iron Man."

"I had no idea how rich and complex this world was, and how intricate the relationships between the characters were," Bettany tells us. "It's been heartening to find out, because I spend a large part of my year being in these films."

Indeed, Bettany has returned again and again as J.A.R.V.I.S., appearing in so many movies that his character wound up evolving, in a sense. In "Avengers: Age of Ultron," he became Vision, the omnipotent being who joined the other do-gooder superheroes, as he does again in "Captain America: Civil War."

There's an increasing amount of intel to process, and Bettany says he'll frequently bug the filmmakers to explain the nitty-gritty. They also give him plenty of homework.

"We all — or maybe it's just me — get packages. Marvel and [producer] Kevin Feige sent me relevant comic books," Bettany says. He likes working for lifelong fans. "They know they're doing basically what they did as kids, but at a super high level. To me they are Yodas."

In "Civil War," Vision is grappling with his powers while being essentially a child.

"The fun bit is having to imagine just being born in the last movie," he says. "You get to imagine what it's like to have these superpowers and be omnipotent, and yet be totally naive."

This entry also puts him in the middle of a key debate: Should the Avengers have government oversight? Or should they be free to (hopefully) do good, albeit sometimes with collateral damage? (See: the supersize climaxes of both "Avengers" films, which saw two separate cities nearly destroyed.)

"We're all living in the same world, and the world we're living in is very troubled," Bettany explains. "Usually these sorts of movies are pure escapism. It's interesting to have a movie that doesn't avoid those questions, that tackles those questions in a slightly altered universe. In this movie you see a group of superpowered human beings struggling with unilateral intervention, and whether there should be a regulating body governing that. Topical stuff."

You know, for the kids

Not that one can't watch these Marvel films while thinking about how horrible everything is in real life. It's sometimes easy to forget, given the relative sophistication and deep thought in many modern comic book movies, that they're also for the young. Naturally, Bettany's kids adore that their dad is a superhero.

"They love coming on set and seeing all the gadgets and the costumes. Maybe not so much my 18-year-old son," he says, referring to Kai, son of his wife, actress Jennifer Connelly, from another relationship. "He's a little bit busy at Yale studying calculus. I hope it's not at the forefront of his reading material right now."

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Seratones rock onto the scene with Southern soul and spirit.

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While New Orleans is usually a go-to for music in Louisiana, there's been something brewing in Shreveport and it comes in the form of rock band Seratones.

Pure, titillating rock 'n' roll at its finest, the southern four-piece sounds like what you'd get if Save Ferris, Black Sabbath and Aretha Franklin had a love child.

Fronted by powerhouse vocalist AJ Haynes, the band — comprised of Connor Davis, Adam Davis and Jesse Gabriel — creates music that makes you feel like you're at a carefree high school party. Formed in 2014, the band grew up together in charming Shreveport where they have quite the musical history.

Seratones played in a lot of different bands together throughout the years, going from one project to the next. When they won a contest for their work at the renowned Blade Studios, the band was able to focus on new material — which eventually resulted in their debut album "Get Gone."

"We were of the 'If you build it, they will come mentality,'" says Haynes. "We had been crafting the songs since [being in the studio]. Everything just took off from there."

It's not surprising that Seratones is such a fun band: That's the whole spirit of the Shreveport music scene. Seratones cite one of their favorite bands as a two-piece hip-hop group that raps about spaghetti. Everything is all in good fun in Shreveport.

Last week, Seratones released their full-length debut, "Get Gone," which feels like one big rock rollercoaster ride — because that's what it's been like for the band. It's something that resulted in a record perfect for a rager. The band spent two weeks recording the music, but up until that point, they had been perfecting the heavy guitar work, drums and soaring vocals of the songs.

"Songs are living creatures: They're constantly changing, but we found that with the record we wanted to capture the live energy," says Haynes. "If you're making music and you're not having fun, then there's no point. So, we wanted [the album] to sound like a party."

There's a certain quality to the band that's reminiscent of the anthemic energy from Alabama Shakes. While the four piece's sound is more straight-up rock than blues-rock, there's a spirit about them and the revival of classic rock music that breeds similarities. It could be the combination of the band being able to put on a good show and have a good time that makes them stand out.

Regardless of the reception of "Get Gone," Seratones are focused on what they want to achieve when it comes down to it all.

"We want to tour the world, be successful and make good art," Haynes says. "So if there's a cult following for that, that's great. But our number one prerogative is to make good music that we can be proud of. If they build it they will come."

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As long as indie-pop darlings the Vivian Girls were still active, bassist Katy Goodman's other band, La Sera, seemed relegated to side-project territory. But since the Vivians' official breakup in 2014, Goodman has expanded her ambitions. Her husband, guitarist Todd Wisenbaker, is now a full member and co-songwriter in La Sera, and friend Ryan Adams produced their latest record, "Music for Listening to Music To." We talked to Goodman about the record's amusing title and twangy resonance.

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The first song on your new album, "High Notes" has a little country vibe, in the music and the video. In the indie world, it seems like country is still the only genre it's cool to not like. People will say, "I like everything but country."

[Laughs] That was a very common AOL profile back in the day. The only real country thing about ["High Notes"] is a couple of the guitar twangs. I think people think it's a little more country that it probably actually is. But I'm all for it — I like country, and so does Todd.

One thing I heard on a lot of songs on this album is a Smiths influence, which you've said was important on your last album as well. With you and Todd now writing the songs together, you seem to have a Morrissey-Marr thing going on.

This time around, we wanted to have less layers — guitar overdubs and stuff. So what Todd is playing in all the songs is very acrobatic and full, and very Marr-esque — nonstop guitar shredding. I think that's what makes the songs Smiths-y. It is a dance between the melody and the guitar.

I really liked the title of the record. Your press release said it basically just means "this is just music." Could you elaborate on that?

It's a play on old records — like, for example, the other day I found one on the Internet called "Music to Strip to Your Husband To." So we thought it'd be funny to have it just be like, "Music for music's sake." It's also specifically not music for licensing or music for commercials — because I feel like in this day and age, there are so many other reasons why there's so much music. And this is not for that. This was not made to be remixed — nothing against that, but this record is not for that. This record is just music recorded for music's sake.

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Arianna Huffington wants you to take a nap

The media mogul extols the health benefits of sleep in her new book.

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When most people hear the name "Arianna Huffington," they think columnist, they think co-founder and editor-in-chief of The Huffington Post, they think political animal. They don't think sleep.

Yet after a time of finding her health, well-being and overall effectiveness — personally, professionally — dinged by a lack of sleep, she took action. And, of course, wrote about it.

Arianna Huffington
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"The turning point was me collapsing [in 2007] from sleep deprivation and breaking my cheekbone," says Huffington. "That was my wake-up call. I then began to look around and realize that I, by no means, was the only one. Millions of people are suffering from burnout due to a lack of proper sleep. We live in a culture with a collective delusion that we need to be always on."

Our collective lack of shuteye is actually making us less effective. "Only by renewing our relationship with sleep can we take back control of our lives," says Huffington. That's the central thesis of her newest book, "The Sleep Revolution: Transforming Your Life, One Night at a Time."

Where do you stand on the election now?
My biggest concern — and that of Huffington Post, which is why we've embedded an editor's note at the end of every story — is to remind readers how dangerous Donald Trump is.

When were you able to connect the dots between sleep deprivation and other aspects of your life being off?
When I look back, it was easier for me to catch colds. My immune system was lower. There was a connection there as well as with my level of decision making, as I made bad hiring decisions.

What happens now when you don't get that level of sleep?
I don't like myself at those times. I find that I am crankier and more easily upset by things if I don't get proper rest. I'm not as creative or as good at problem solving. Most importantly, I don't have the same sort of joy of which I am blessed to have in my life.

Before you looked to expert advice, what commercial steps did you take? You aren't fond of sleeping pills.
It's not a solution, long-term. There are so many natural alternatives — half of the book centers on that. You also have to change your mind about the importance of sleep. After that, it is easier to change your habits in small microsteps. It's like with young children, you don't just drop them in bed. There are transitional steps that I detail in the book.

Was it hard giving up artificial light during sleep time?
It was. Like so many of us, I have been addicted to my technology. Basically, what worked was having a little bit of discipline at the beginning in, say, disengaging from my computer. Thirty minutes before I turn out the light, then 15 minutes, then 5 minutes. What becomes a magnet is how you show up for your life the next morning.

One of the things you write smartly about in "Sleep Revolution" is the positive effect of cognitive behavioral therapy.
I'm trying to base what I'm saying on science. We have the evidence that CBT is effective when it comes to sleep. Once you try all the alternatives like the warm bath, turning off all of your devices or reading in bed. If you still have trouble sleeping, CBT corrects what keeps us awake.

What should we take from "The Sleep Revolution"?
What I learned is that our culture needs to shift its way of thinking from the delusion that "we'll sleep when we're dead." We are paying too heavy a price with that in regards to our health, happiness and decision-making. Cultures believe a lot of false things — remember how we once thought smoking was OK for us? Sleeping is the new smoking — a genuine problem that we need to fix.

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Stopping the next psychopath

Troubled young adults could try out various art classes to find a way of channeling their emotions productively. ISTOCK

Creative people have a dark side — what if schools helped them express it?

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Instead of ignoring teenagers who don't seem to be fitting in at school, what if they could be targeted for enrollment in art classes?

That's the hope of researchers at De La Salle University in the Philippines, who have found a link between artistic ability and the dark personality traits associated with psychopaths. This could be the reason why actors and musicians have a reputation for being difficult to get along with — but it could also be a useful sign for kids who are socially isolated to be given a chance to express themselves in other ways.

"A creative field might not just shape a person into a more arrogant or dishonest personality — it might be actively selecting them, not for the sake of having disagreeable traits but because such traits meaningfully co-vary with creativity itself," explains co-author Adrianne John Galang.

The study was conducted in three stages. The first part asked 503 participants to fill out an online questionnaire designed to detect the traits and behaviors related to psychopathy. The second part examined risk-taking and meanness among 250 college students. And finally, physiological signs of anxiety of the most creative 93 students were examined while they were engaged in a gambling task.

"In two samples of young adults and college students, a certain trait associated with a lack of fear, being dominant and self-enhancement was able to predict who was more creative," Galang says. "We also found that although creative people did not behave in a riskier fashion in the gambling task, they showed [fewer] nervous system reactions, which might mean they experienced less anxiety compared to other peers."

Results have also shown that those who tended to be more creative had higher scores for psychopathic traits, particularly in terms of boldness. "I suspect that there are many creative people who don't have traits associated with psychopathy, but it might also be true that there is a substantial number who might be subclinical psychopaths usefully contributing to society," Galang adds.

This is where the purpose of the study turns to young adults. Galang and his team hope their findings could lead to helping those on the cusp of sliding into an anti-social adulthood by setting them on a path to creativity. They also believe that the discovery could lead other people to investigate similar connections to piece together how biology and society conspire to tweak human personalities.

"We are about to begin some studies into the motivation side of this question, which is lacking in the current study," Galang concluded. "Emotional disinhibition on its own can't account for creativity, so we want to investigate what drives people's desire to be creative as opposed to doing something else."

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10 Most boo-worthy people for New York sports fans

These 10 men should receive showers of hate whenever possible.

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The art of booing is essentially copyrighted by the Northeast corridor. Depending on the perspective — and region — there are pretty much three sports towns that immediately come to mind when the topic of booing comes up: New York, Boston, and Philadelphia.

The latter two cities are efficient at booing rivals — or anyone and anything, for that matter. But when it comes to New York, there's a certain art form to it. New York sports fans won't boo Santa Claus like Philadelphia, but when it comes to rival athletes, they're as full-throttle as any fanbase.

The caveat, however, is that the New York sports fan will only boo people who are great at what they do. Scrubs need not worry about being harassed by the masses.

1 Tom Brady

New England Patriots quarterback, 2000 – present

The "Golden Boy" draws the ire of essentially every football fan outside of New England, but likely gets the most heat in the New York area. Giants fans really don't have beef with Brady, as they've knocked him off his perch twice in the biggest game. But the Jets' fanbase is one that's been tortured by Brady and the Patriots for most of the last 15 years, Brady is persona non grata for Gang Green. More bottles were popped in New York for the Brady Deflategate four-game suspension than the 1972 Dolphins ever do whenever the final unbeaten team loses.

2 Bill Belichick

Patriots head coach, 2000 – present

Not since Pat Riley spurned a New York franchise with a shady resignation, has there been such vitriol for a former New York head coach. It's not just that Belichick's Patriots have essentially owned the Jets since he left them at the altar during his introductory press conference to announce his hiring — an event that quickly led to his resignation via loose-leaf paper and a 30-minute diatribe as to why he didn't want to coach the Jets. But it's also his demeanor, the alleged cheating, and the disdain and arrogance he shows in his press conferences.

3 Tony Romo

Dallas Cowboys quarterback, 2003 – present

He's the quarterback for one of the most hated franchises in all of sports — annoyingly dubbed "America's Team" — and they just happen to be in the same division as the Giants. Those two factoids alone are boo-worthy. For whatever reason, Romo is easily the most-hated Cowboy by the masses and receives his fair share of boos and curses any time he steps foot in MetLife Stadium. He didn't become the full-time starter until 2006, but once he was entrenched as the starter, the wrath really became evident.

4 Sidney Crosby

Pittsburgh Penguins center, 2005 – present

He's been unpopular since entering the league. And like Brady, it's hard to find a Crosby supporter outside his own team's area. Crosby, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2005 NHL draft, entered the league on fire and has essentially stayed that way throughout his career. But despite his marvelous talents, it's the perception that he's whiny and smug that has turned the masses against him — particularly in New York. It also doesn't help that he owns a Stanley Cup title, while being the youngest captain ever to do so, in 2009. But the Penguins also just embarrassingly wiped the Rangers out of the playoffs this season, undoubtedly adding to the hatred New York sports fans already had for him.

Tom Brady attempting to injure former Jets linbacker Demario Davis. GETTY IMAGES

5 Dwyane Wade

Miami Heat shooting guard, 2003 – present

He's the most hated Heat player since Alonzo Mourning, and has probably even surpassed Riley as the most-loathed person associated with the Heat. Perhaps it's because he's won three championships with the Heat, two of which came with another hated New York opponent, LeBron James. But also because there are a lot of New York sports fans who think the future Hall of Famer is overrated because he won those titles with guys like Shaquille O'Neal and James, adding to the theory that he was more of a sidekick — especially with the James-led Heat.

6 Reggie Miller

Indiana Pacers shooting guard, 1987 – 2005; TNT commentator, 2005 – present

Speaking of guys who reveled in breaking the hearts of New York sports fans, Miller may be the No. 1 heartbreaker not named Michael Jordan. Yes, he's been retired for over a decade, but even when he's calling Knicks games at the Garden for TNT, Miller still hears the catcalls and derisive chants. He's regularly booed in New York, and for good reasons. He still enjoys taking jabs at the Knicks organization and their long-suffering fanbase at any chance.

7 Bryce Harper

Washington Nationals rightfielder, 2010 – present

He was drafted in 2010 and made his MLB debut in 2012. And since his call-up, he's terrorized the Mets. His on-field play and persona have rubbed many the wrong way, which is why Mets fans really got into the booing-Harper business, last season, following his infamous dustup with current teammate, closer Jonathan Papelbon. He was serenaded with "Papelbon" chants throughout the game and also likely didn't ingratiate himself with Mets fans, last season, when he told reporters that he "didn't give a crap" about what the NL-East rival Mets were doing down the stretch.

8 Paul Pierce

Boston Celtics, Brooklyn Nets, Washington Wizards, Los Angeles Clippers small forward, 1998 – present

His career is in the deep twilight, but he still gets the Garden faithful riled up any time he makes an appearance. He was still booed with fervor the last time he played at the Garden. The disdain for him isn't from just Knicks fans, as Nets fans give him heat for his ill-fated season with the team. Brooklyn fans like to boo him because they feel he mailed it in during his one season there.

9 Alex Rodriguez

New York Yankees third baseman/DH, 2004 – present

It's been a love-hate relationship between Rodriquez and the Yankee faithful. He once famously said he's been "booed for 15 years. … It's been one long boo for 15 years." Rodriguez isn't the most beloved player in opposing baseball stadiums to this day, and sometimes not even in his own. He was vilified around the league during his 2014 suspension for his admitted steroid usage. He came back strong in 2015 and actually had a season worthy of cheers, knocking 33 home runs, 86 RBIs, 131 hits, and a .252 batting average. He led the Yankees in home runs, on-base percentage, slugging percentage, on-base plus slugging, and bases-on-balls. But it could all change in a New York second — as his current stats of five homers, 12 RBIs and a .194 batting average aren't cutting it.

10 Carmelo Anthony

Denver Nuggets small forward, 2003 – 2011; Knicks 2011 – present

Yes, he's the Knicks' lone superstar and the best player to don orange and blue in 20 years, but Anthony gets more than his share of vitriol from the faithful. It's been an odd love-hate marriage between Anthony and the fans because he's the unquestioned best player on a lousy team. Perhaps it's because he's cashing very large checks for a team with no real hope of winning a title.

MLB power rankings | by Ryan Hannable

No. 1

Cubs (24-6)

The Cubs have won seven straight games. Even if they played just .500-ball the rest of the season, they will still finish with 90 wins, which shows just how good their start has been.

No. 2

White Sox (22-10)

The White Sox have carried their hot start from April over to May as they have won three games in a row and have a five-game lead in the AL Central. Pitching has carried them thus far with Jose Quintana's 1.38 ERA being second in the AL and Chris Sale's 1.79 ERA being fourth.

No. 3

Mets (19-11)

New York has won six of its last 10 games to jump to the top of the NL East. Matt Harvey seems to be turning a corner and Yoenis Cespedes is now swinging a hot bat. He has 11 home runs and 30 RBIs, second and first respectively in the NL.

No. 4

Nationals (19-12)

The Nationals were atop the NL East, but losing four straight games has taken them out of the top spot. Starter Tanner Roark is enjoying a great start to the year with a 2.03 ERA, good for fifth in the NL.

No. 5

Orioles (18-12)

Many picked the Orioles to finish in last place in the AL East, but they have flipped the script and are leading the division. Mark Trumbo has been one of the biggest surprises in the lineup as he's hit nine homers, which is second best in the American League.

No. 6

Red Sox (18-13)

Although the Red Sox are five games over .500, there are still concerns. David Price and Clay Buchholz both have ERA's over 6.00, but the biggest surprise has been knuckleballer Steven Wright, who has allowed two runs or less in all six of his starts.

No. 7

Mariners (18-13)

Led by its offense, Seattle is atop the AL West standings just over a month into the season. As expected, Robinson Cano is leading the way with 12 home runs and 33 RBIs, both of which lead the American League.

No. 8

Rangers (18-14)

The Rangers have won three games in a row and are just behind the Mariners in the AL West. They don't have many superstars — besides Cole Hamels — but are playing solid complimentary baseball and it will be interesting to see how long it lasts.

No. 9

Phillies (18-14)

Somehow the Phillies are four games over .500 with a minus-27 run differential. This may be an indication they aren't as good as their record shows, but nonetheless they are one of the biggest surprises in baseball to this point in the season.

No. 10

Pirates (17-14)

Pittsburgh is three games over .500 but because of the Cubs, they are already 7.5 games out in the NL Central. Mark Melancon continues to be one of the better closers in the game as his nine saves are tied for fourth in the NL.

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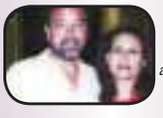

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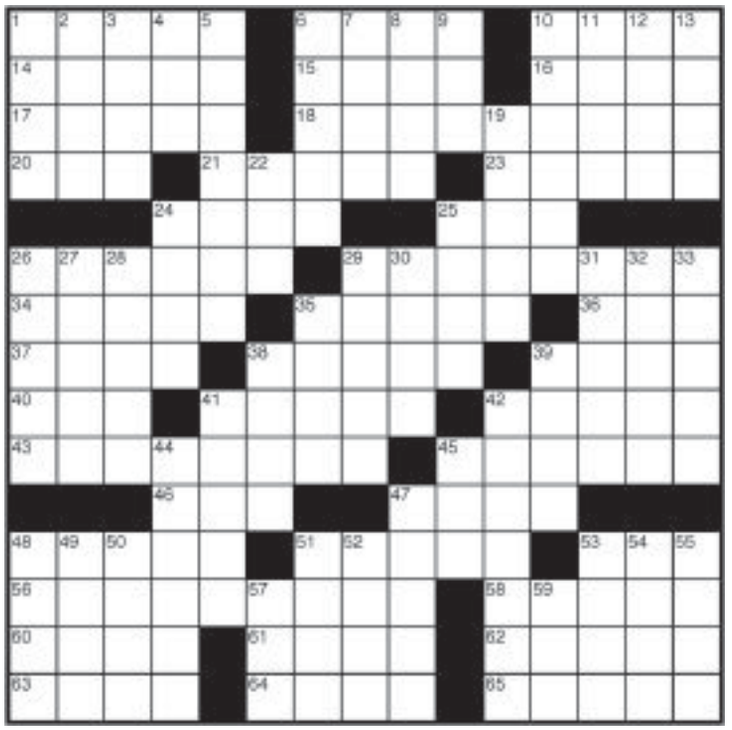

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6 Like most radios
10 Ms. Moore of films
14 All kidding —
15 Make hay
16 Not think of
17 More feasible
18 In a risky situation (3 wds.)
20 Clasp tightly
21 "La Peste" author
23 Advise against
24 Rum-soaked cake
25 Winter malady
26 Becomes frayed
29 Move mentally
34 Platitude
35 Overpraised
36 You don't say!
37 Wire thicknesses
38 Raised, as prices
39 Planets or moons
40 Ali stung like one
41 Flood barrier
42 Welcome
43 Stares down
45 Paltry
46 Satisfy curiosity
47 Deal in
48 Auspices
51 Showy lily
53 Relay segment
56 Fossil beetle
58 Frat letter
60 Look like a wolf
61 — meridiem
62 Girder (hyph.)
63 Spore producer
64 Courteous chap
65 Like Thor

Down

1 Blowout
2 Hairy twin
3 Bob's road buddy
4 Keats opus
5 White sale tag
6 Coffee emanation
7 Waiter's offering
8 Blubber and suet
9 Radar meas.
10 Gift-wrapped (hyph.)
11 Radiate
12 Hacker's pets?
13 Anatomical passage
19 Loafed around
22 Pecs neighbor
24 Seeks alms
25 Went on the lam
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29 Small fries
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32 Buck the system
33 Fractious
35 Comb manufacturer
38 Aw, shucks!
39 Spoken
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42 Quivering dessert
44 Conked out
45 "Mad Max" Gibson
47 Hard rain?
48 Fermi split it
49 Thus
50 Fish lung
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53 Smirk's kin
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55 It may be afoot
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Aries Emotional issues pertaining to your home and family will escalate if you bring about changes without getting approval first. A money matter is best handled delicately.

Taurus Solutions will be found if you discuss your concerns openly. Persuasive tactics will help you get your way. You will be offered the chance to travel or reunite with someone special.

Gemini Go over details carefully before moving forward with a project that someone is shoving on you. Your talent and skill will be in demand, so pick and choose carefully.

Cancer Don't make impulsive moves. If you plan your actions, you will stay on top and win the favors required to excel. A romantic gesture will impress a loved one.

Leo You'll be tempted to meddle. Don't let anyone drag you into a no-win situation. Keep your distance and focus on making personal changes. Your job will be affected if you take sides.

Virgo Show some confidence and lay out your plans. You will impress the people you encounter if you get involved in educational pursuits or functions related to your work.

Libra Look for a way to bring about change without upsetting too many people. You'll be ripe for pursuits that require travel, discipline and learning. Do what's best for you.

Scorpio The level of your accomplishment will depend on how willing you are to follow your dreams. Don't be afraid to do things differently. It's your unique ideas that will take you furthest.

Sagittarius You won't get a unanimous vote of approval, no matter what you do. Be wary of the person too eager to help or offering something that sounds too good to be true.

Capricorn You've got everything you need at your fingertips, so don't hesitate to make your move. Take the initiative to bring about domestic and financial changes.

Aquarius You'll face opposition if you are too vocal regarding your plans. Bring about change quietly and do your due diligence when it comes to money matters and professional gains.

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